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**Request
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<i>Application Number</i>	09/104,788
<i>Filing Date</i>	06/25/1998
<i>First Named Inventor</i>	Meyers et al
<i>Art Unit</i>	3672
<i>Examiner Name</i>	Dang, H
<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	97-ST37

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

a. Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Rely Brief previously filed on _____

ii. Other _____

b. Enclosed

i. Amendment/Reply

ii. Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s)

iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. Other Petition for extension of time and fee transmittal

2. **Miscellaneous**

Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a

a. period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to

a. Deposit Account No. 192745

i. RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)

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ii. Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)

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iii. Other _____

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Name (Print/Type)	Sean C. Henkel	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	44,760
Signature	<i>Sean C. Henkel</i>	Date	8/8/03

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FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2003

Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$)**1660.00**

Complete if Known

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METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)

Check Credit card Money Order Other None

Deposit Account:

Deposit Account Number	192745
Deposit Account Name	Smith International, Inc.

The Commissioner is authorized to: (check all that apply)

Charge fee(s) indicated below Credit any overpayments
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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)		
1001 740	2001 370	Utility filing fee	
1002 330	2002 165	Design filing fee	
1003 510	2003 255	Plant filing fee	
1004 740	2004 370	Reissue filing fee	
1005 160	2005 80	Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)			

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims	Independent Claims	Multiple Dependent	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
			-20** =	X	=
			- 3** =	X	=

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description
Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	
1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20
1201 84	2201 42	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203 280	2203 140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204 84	2204 42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205 18	2205 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
SUBTOTAL (2) (\$)		

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3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity Small Entity

Fee Code (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1051 130	2051 65			Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052 50	2052 25			Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053 130	1053 130			Non-English specification	
1812 2,520	1812 2,520			For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804 920*	1804 920*			Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805 1,840*	1805 1,840*			Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251 110	2251 55			Extension for reply within first month	
1252 400	2252 200			Extension for reply within second month	
1253 920	2253 460			Extension for reply within third month	
1254 1,440	2254 720			Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255 1,960	2255 980			Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401 320	2401 160			Notice of Appeal	
1402 320	2402 160			Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403 280	2403 140			Request for oral hearing	
1451 1,510	1451 1,510			Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452 110	2452 55			Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453 1,280	2453 640			Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501 1,280	2501 640			Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502 460	2502 230			Design issue fee	
1503 620	2503 310			Plant issue fee	
1460 130	1460 130			Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807 50	1807 50			Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806 180	1806 180			Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021 40	8021 40			Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809 740	2809 370			Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1810 740	2810 370			For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801 740	2801 370			Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802 900	1802 900			Request for expedited examination of a design application	
Other fee (specify) _____					
*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid				SUBTOTAL (3) (\$)	
				1660.00	

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Signature			Date	8/11/03	

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APPLICANT: Meyers, et al. §
SERIAL NO.: 09/104,788 §
FILED: June 25, 1998 §
FOR: Drill Bit with Large §
Inserts §

GROUP ART UNIT: 3672
221E

EXAMINER:
Dang, H.
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED February 10, 2003

Atty. Dkt. No.: 97-ST37
Date: August 8, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sirs:

In response to the Office Action dated February 10, 2003, please amend the application as follows and consider the included remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.

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